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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT OF KATO VAROSHA

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1. DURING SEPTEMBER 11 VISIT TO FAMAGUSTA, EMBOFF CALLED ON TURK CYPRIOT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND TOURED KATO KAROSHA AREA (IN WESTERN FAMAGUSTA CITY). SIGNIFICANTLY MORE TURK CYPRIOT SETTLERS WERE EVIDENT THAN DURING PREVIOUS TRIP TWO WEEKS BEFORE, AN IMPRESSION WHICH SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENT TO EMBOFF THAT 4-5000 REFUGEES FROM SOUTH HAD RECENTLY BEEN SETTLED IN KATO VAROSHA.

2. SOME 60-70 PERCENT OF HOUSES NOW APPEAR OCCUPIED. SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN SCATTERED THROUGHOUT KATO VAROSHA RATHER THAN NEIGHBOR-HOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD WITH RESULT THAT SEVERAL HOUSES ON EACH
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WITH VIRTUALLY ALL TURKS MOVED FROM
SOUTH AND MOST OF THEM OUT OF RECEPTION CENTERS, REMAINING HOUSES
COULD ONLY BE FILLED, IF AT ALL, BY IMPORTING MORE MAINLAND
WORKERS OR BY MOVING IN RESETTLED TURK CYPRIOTS FROM OTHER
AREAS.

3. AN ESTIMATED 1500 MAINLAND TURKS ALSO EVIDENT. VIRTUALLY ALL
APPEARED TO BE LOCATED ALONG NARROW STRIP ON WESTERNMOST PART
OF KATO VAROSHA NEXT TO CITRUS GROVES WHICH THEY SUPPOSEDLY
BROUGHT IN TO LOOK AFTER. TURK CYPRIOTS IN AREA MAKE NO EFFORT
TO HIDE THEIR CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE TOWARD CUSTOMS AND ODD DRESS
OF THEIR LESS SOPHISTICATED ANATOLIAN BROTHERS, BUT CLAIM
THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS OR FRICTION.

4. SEVERAL REFUGEES WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE, INCLUDING BROTHER OF
TURK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY "REPRESENTATIVE" IN NEW YORK (NAIL ATALAY),
GROUSED ABOUT UNCERTAINTIES OF PRESENT POSITION, LACK OF EMPLOY-
MENT, AND UNRESPONSIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE
FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS. THEY ALSO BELIEVED THAT BEING GIVEN STORES
TO RUN IN VAROSHA (NEW CITY) WOULD SOLVE ALL THEIR PROBLEMS AND
STRONGLY HOPED AUTHORITIES WOULD SOON ALLOW THEM INTO VAROSHA
FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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